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HUNTER PLANT

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September 10, 2007

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

RE: Huntington Power Plant's Rock Garden Coal Stockpile

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Mr. Karl Houskeeper, Engineer, contacted Johnny Pappas, Hunter Environmental Engineer, regarding the coal stockpile located at upper end of Huntington's rock garden. To address Mr. Houskeeper's concern, this letter is being submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining "Division" explaining the reason for the coal stockpile and permitting actions taken to allow for the coal stockpile to be located at the rock garden.

The rock garden coal stockpile was constructed to provide PacifiCorp Energy's Huntington Plant "Plant" with the ability to stockpile high ash coal. There are times when the coal quality received by the Plant are such that it can not be burned efficiently and must be blended with lower ash coal over time. The rock garden coal stockpile provides the Plant with the ability to stockpile the coal until it can be hauled back to the Plant, blended, and burned to generate power.

There is not any crushing, screening, or sizing occurring at the rock garden coal pile, only unloading and loading. PacifiCorp Energy was granted a conditional use permit on December 13, 2006, from Emery County Planning and Zoning authorizing the area for coal stockpiling.

The Division of Air Quality approval allows coal product to be hauled, unloaded, stockpiled, compacted, and loaded at the rock garden location. The rock garden stockpile is also incorporated into the Huntington Power Plant Fugitive Dust Control Plan.

Additionally, Mr. Robert Herbert, Manager Ground Water Protection, was consulted and requested a synthetic precipitation leachate procedure be performed on representative coal samples, which the Plant performed and submitted the analytical results to Mr. Herbert. Existing retention basins were reworked to facilitate the 100yr/6hr precipitation event.

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During the permitting of this facility in the fall of 2006, the Division became aware of the facility and contacted Mr. Doug Johnson and Mr. Chuck Semborski with Energy West Mining to inquire about the facility and its relationship to the mining operation. They informed the Division, at that time, that the mining operation was not associated with the facility and that the facility was for the Plant's use.

I hope this clears up any questions the Division may have regarding the Plant's rock garden coal stockpile location, but if you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Johnny Pappas at (435) 748-6525.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reg Soepnel', with a stylized, flowing script.

Reg Soepnel
Managing Director-Huntington and Hunter Power Plant

Cc: Johnny Pappas
Richard Nielson